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## Indiana Women's Prison Helps "Paint the Town Pink"

Indianapolis, Indiana (April 9, 2009)--The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) recently participated in the "Paint the Town Pink" event sponsored by the Indianapolis affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The event leads up to the 5K run on Saturday, April 18, 2009.



For the event, the community was invited to decorate an area "in pink" to bring awareness to breast care and health. IWP decided to participate in the event, since it held its own 5K walk last year within the prison fence and raised over \$800 for the cause. 6 teams of offenders painted and decorated bed sheets for the event. The bed sheets are currently being displayed in the Recreation Building.



“Incarceration does not isolate women in prison from the effects of breast cancer,” stated IWP Superintendent Steve McCauley. “In our current population, we have breast cancer survivors and many women with family members affected by this cancer. Participation in events such as this helps to connect the women to the community.”

Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Edwin G. Buss said, “I am very glad the offenders at IWP had the opportunity to bring awareness to such an important issue facing women. Their work for such a worthy cause sets a good example for offenders giving back to the community.”



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